

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

SECOM-D-316
19 AUG 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Donald P. Gregg
National Security Council Staff Member
SCC Counterintelligence Working Group

25X1A FROM: [REDACTED]
Chairman

25X1 SUBJECT: Proposed National Clearance/Investigative
Policy [REDACTED]

1. The 5 February 1980 meeting of the SCC Counterintelligence Working Group heard a report from my predecessor on the differing personnel security standards within the Intelligence Community. The SCC/CIWG then asked the DCI Security Committee to study the problem from a government-wide viewpoint and make recommendations for a national clearance/investigative standards policy. [REDACTED]

2. Attached is a further analysis of these clearance differences within the Intelligence Community along with identification of factors bearing on the problem and some tentative suggestions for a solution. [REDACTED]

3. There are enormous problems in this area and they will not easily be solved, aggressiveness and eagerness notwithstanding. The resource implications are particularly significant. So are the possibilities suggested such as a national policy sanctioning the broader use of polygraph which could have favorable impact on resource requirements.

4. In a series of meetings scheduled starting after Labor Day the Security Committee will systematically address the specific issues and problems involved. We will seek to

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determine what is needed in today's environment to make valid assessments of loyalty, character and trustworthiness. We will try to determine how best to obtain the necessary data, including the value of the polygraph. We will attempt to prepare cost/risk alternatives for SCC/CIWG consideration.

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5. Any reactions you have from your vantage point would be most useful and appreciated, particularly if received before 10 September. I hope to give you by the end of September a target date for overall completion.

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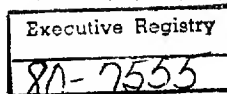
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, we agreed to 25X1A postpone. I still have to let the Chairman of the working group know when we can expect your report. Please let me know 25X1A

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Date: 25 July 1980

25X1A TO: [] SA/DCI/CI
25X1A FROM: [] O/SA/DCI/CI
SUBJECT: National Personnel Security Clearance/
Investigative Standards

REMARKS:

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25X1A 1. You asked for the following as a basis
for your talking to []

2. Attached is the pertinent portion of the official record of the SCC/CIWG meeting of 5 February 1980 which led to a formal CIWG requirement on the DCI Security Committee Staff for a study to make recommendations for a national clearance/investigative standards policy for the entire Government. The target date for submission to the Chairman, SCC/CIWG, was 15 June 1980.

3. This target date has been postponed, but no new date has been set and needs to be. The requirement is still valid, and the new date should be given to the NSC Staff before we get a to-be-expected-soon tickler query asking, "Where is it?"

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MEMORANDUM FOR: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE WORKING
GROUP MEMBERS

SUBJECT: Minutes of the February 5 CIWG Meeting

Attached are the minutes of the February 5 CIWG meeting,
which General Rosenberg chaired in my absence.

The meeting covered some new and interesting ground, and I
thank all who contributed to its substance.

D. P. Gregg
Donald R. Gregg
NSC Staff Member

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MINUTES OF SCC/COUNTERINTELLIGENCE
WORKING GROUP MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 5 February 1980

Time: 2:00-4:20 p.m.

Place: Room 305, Old Executive Office Building

Participants:

State

Emerson M. Brown, INR
Robert L. Flanegin, INR
James V. Doane, Jr., EUR/SOV
Michael Coughlin, SY/SAS

DoD

L. Britt Snider, OSD
Rowland A. Morrow, OSD

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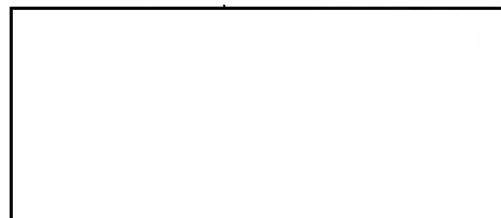
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Justice

Kenneth Bass
A. R. Cinquegrana

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FBI


William O. Cregar
James M. Sturgis

NSC

Robert Rosenberg, Chairman

1. Differing Personnel Security Clearance/Investigative Standards Within the Intelligence Community.

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 Chairman of the DCI Security Committee, reported on the problem of differing personnel security clearance/investigative standards, issues still remaining and the assistance desired from the SCC/CIMG. The outline of his presentation is attached (Attachment 1).

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Action:

The Security Committee Staff, acting for the SCC/CIWG, will study the problem of differing personnel security clearance/investigative standards from a Government-wide viewpoint, not limited to the Intelligence Community. It will make recommendations for a national clearance/investigative standards policy for the entire Government. Target date for submission to the Chairman, SCC/CIWG: 15 June 1980.

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Attached is a cover memo to C/SCC/CIWG.

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It was prepared after seeing [] response to D/OS' request for comments and tries to incorporate them.

Signature as C/SECOM is recommended.

1 & 3 advice to D/OS is requested.

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DRAFT #1
7 August 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, SCC Counterintelligence Working Group

25X1A FROM:
Director of Security

SUBJECT: Proposed National Clearance/Investigative Policy

1. The 5 February 1980 meeting of the SCC/CI/WG heard a report on differing personnel security standards, and then asked the DCI Security Committee staff to study the matter from a Government-wide viewpoint and recommend a national policy.

2. Attached is a preliminary assessment of these differences, with some mention of factors bearing on the problem and some tentative suggestions for a solution. I hope this will help in appreciating the size and scope of the problem, which in my judgment will not easily be solved. It needs to be addressed on a broad basis, and the Security Committee with its representation from the full national security community is the proper place to staff out and develop recommended changes. I will direct the Security Committee to proceed after Labor Day systematically to address issues of Community differences, what is needed to make valid assessments of loyalty and trustworthiness and how best to obtain the required data, and to prepare cost/risk alternatives for CI/WG consideration.

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Attachment
Proposed National Clearance/
Investigative Policy

DRAFT #1
7 August 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, SCC Counterintelligence Working Group

25X1A FROM:
Director of Security

SUBJECT: Personnel Security Clearance/Investigative
Standards

1. Attached is a paper which portrays the state of variance that exists today in the conduct of personnel security investigations and the granting of clearances in the Federal Government. I believe this paper may be of interest to the Special Coordination Committee Counterintelligence Working Group. It seems an effective follow up of my predecessor's 5 February 1980 appearance at which he briefed on this topic.

2. The paper also contains a Security Committee staff proposal which merits further consideration. However, at this stage of development I do not believe that the proposal warrants consideration as a basis for a national policy statement on personnel security.

3. The problems in this field are enormous and they will not easily be solved, aggressiveness and eagerness notwithstanding.

4. The Security Committee itself appears to be a proper vehicle to initially pursue the goal of viable standards. Once the Intelligence Community has arrived at a position, then the National Security Council may offer an appropriate route to follow in presenting these proposals to other agencies of the Federal Government.

5. In addition to the staff paper, there is other effort in progress. The Security Committee is in the process of evaluating the work of its survey of 5,000 background investigations conducted by its member agencies and departments. It is expected that this survey will provide the basis for a better grasp of the details of this complex issue and may indicate viable approaches toward some solutions.

6. It is proposed that the Security Committee proceed systematically to address the issues of inconsistency and variance in the Intelligence Community's investigative/clearance programs. Once agreement is reached on a set of viable standards, the Security Committee will report accordingly to the SCC/CIWG.

7. I will be available to brief the Working Group as may be desired and will seek their counsel as events may deem that appropriate.

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Attached for your choice are two draft memos to Don Gregg, SCC/CI/WG, on the matter of Investigative Standards.

If you approve, your signature is requested.

We will then provide it to the CIA member of the SCC/CI/WG [] for delivery.

He has seen this and has no objection but he noted that we may be loosing an opportunity to capitalize on a offer of support.